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SUBJ: ATLANTIC RELATIONS

1. CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES SAID AT PERMREPS LUNCH OCTOBER 2
THAT HE HOPED THE NEXT DAY THE COUNCIL WOULD AGREE TO RECEIVE
OBSERVATIONS ON THE CANADIAN DRAFT ATLANTIC DECLARATION.
MENZIES BELIEVED NATO SHOULD GET CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COUNTRIES
TOWARD A DECLARATION, EVEN IF THESE OBSERVATIONS WERE NOT THE
FINAL VIEWS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.

2. MENZIES CONTINUED THAT, THOUGH DR. KISSINGER WOULD BE COMING
TO LONDON LATER THIS MONTH, THE PUBLIC SHOULD BEGIN TO SEE SOME
MOVEMENT IN NATO TOWARD A DECLARATION, "EVEN IF THIS MOVEMENT
WAS NOT TO THE POINT OF FINALITY."

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3. BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE ECHOED MENZIES' COMMENTS, NOT-

ING THAT THE EC-9 DECLARATION HAD NOW BEEN PUBLISHED, AS THOUGH IT HAD COME FROM THE HOLY GHOST. SYG LUNS OBSERVED THAT WHILE THERE WAS NOTHING OBJECTIONABLE IN WHAT THE NINE HAD SAID ABOUT SECURITY, THE DECLARATION WAS NOT PERFECTLY BALANCED AND POSSIBLY A LITTLE HEAVY ON DETENTE.

4. DE STAERCKE UNDERLINED THAT THE FIFTEEN SHOULD GO TO WORK ON A NATO DECLARATION, AND COMMENTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER DECLARATION AS IF FROM THE HOLY GHOST ON OCTOBER 3.

5. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR CATALANO QUOTED DR. KISSINGER IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AS SAYING THE U.S. MIGHT INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS OR POSSIBLY A NEW TEXT FOR THE DECLARATION OF THE NINE AND/OR A NATO DECLARATION. CATALANO ASKED ME WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD HAVE INSTRUCTIONS.

6. COMMENT: AS I HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, LUNS HAS SKILLFULLY DIFFUSED PRESSURES HERE IN NATO TO PREMATURELY DRAFT A RESPONSE TO THE U.S. ATLANTIC RELATIONS INITIATIVE. THEY NOW BELIEVE THE TIME FOR ACTION HAS COME. FURTHER INDICATION OF U.S. VIEWS AS TO TIMING, TOGETHER WITH SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS WILL BE NEEDED IN THE DAYS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. RUMSFELD UNQUOTE RUSH

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